

JINHO.

YOUR SWORD  
AND SHIELD ARE  
EXPENSIVE,  
RIGHT?

WHAT?  
OH, YES. MY DAD GOT  
THEM FOR ME SINCE  
THIS IS MY FIRST  
RAID.

I'M NOT  
TOO SURE,  
BUT...

...I THINK  
WE SHOULD BE  
CAREFUL.

WHAT IS THIS?







WHAT IS THIS OMINOUS  
FEELING...?

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THE SIZE OF  
A DUNGEON VARIES,  
AND HAS NOTHING TO  
DO WITH ITS RANK.



THERE ARE TIMES  
WHEN YOU HAVE TO  
EXPLORE THE  
DUNGEON'S INTERIOR





FOR MANY DAYS...

...AND TIMES WHEN  
YOU MAKE IT TO THE  
BOSS' LAIR IN A  
MATTER OF HOURS.

BOSS





THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY  
NOTEWORTHY BATTLES IN  
THIS DUNGEON, BUT IT'S  
SHAPED LIKE A MAZE, SO  
WE'VE HAD TO SPEND A  
LOT OF OUR TIME  
WALKING.



MY JOB IS  
TO CARRY THE  
BAGS.

AS LONG AS THINGS  
DON'T GO WRONG,  
THERE'S NO REASON  
FOR ME TO TAKE  
PART IN BATTLE.



I'LL BE PAID  
WITHOUT EVEN  
FIGHTING...



IT SOUNDED  
LIKE A GOOD DEAL  
TO ME.

"BEWARE THE LIZARDS."



A SUDDEN  
WARNING.

I DON'T KNOW  
WHY THOSE WORDS  
CAME TO MIND.



BUT THE ONE  
THING I'M CERTAIN  
OF IS THAT...







...IF I HAVE A BAD  
FEELING ABOUT SOMETHING,  
I'M NEVER WRONG.



WE'VE ONLY COME  
ACROSS CORPSES, OR  
BEASTS THAT ARE  
ALREADY DYING.





THERE  
SHOULD STILL BE  
A BOSS, THOUGH,  
RIGHT?

THE GATE  
WOULDN'T BE OPEN  
IF THERE WASN'T  
A BOSS.



WAIT.

HALT

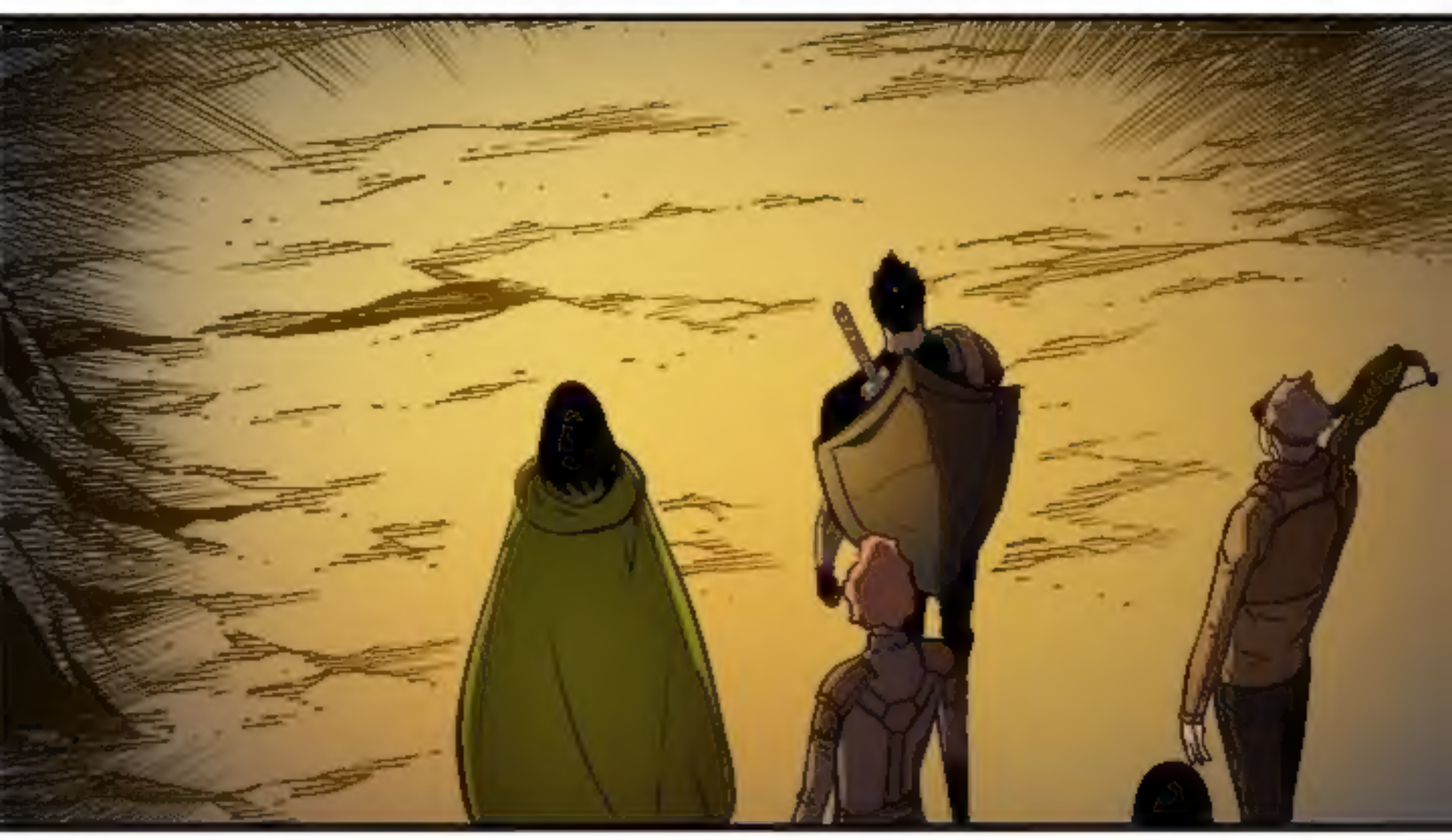
AHH!

KYLHWAN, BRING  
THE LIGHT OVER  
THIS WAY.



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OH, MY GOD...







**IT'S THE  
BOSS'S LAIR.**











AREN'T  
THESE MANA  
CRYSTALS?!

HOW MUCH  
WOULD ALL OF  
THESE BE  
WORTH?

WOW,  
WE HIT THE  
JACKPOT!



THESE HAVE  
LESS MANA THAN THE  
ESSENCE STONES WE  
GET FROM HUNTING MAGIC  
BEASTS, SO THEY'RE  
DIRT CHEAP, BUT...

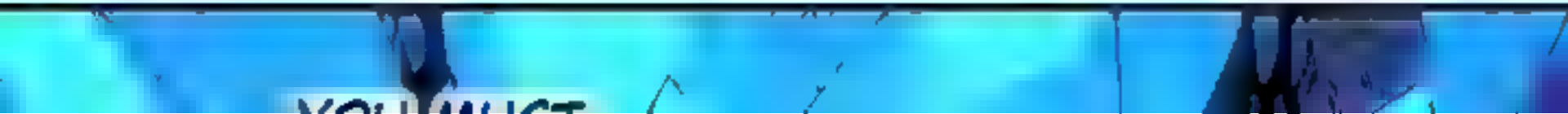
...THIS MANY  
WOULD CERTAINLY  
SELL FOR MORE  
THAN AN ESSENCE  
STONE.

ROUGHLY  
CALCULATING,  
ALL THIS COULD  
BE WORTH OVER  
A BILLION WON.





YOU TREATED ME LIKE SH\*T AFTER OBTAINING A HIGHER RANKING.





YOU MUST  
STILL THINK I'M  
BENEATH YOU, HUH?  
THEY PROBABLY TREAT  
YOU LIKE SOME VIP  
OVER THERE.

I KNOW  
YOU SEE ME AS  
A WEAKLING, BUT  
THAT'S ALL ABOUT  
TO CHANGE.

WITH THIS  
OPPORTUNITY, MY  
STRIKE SQUAD  
WILL GROW.

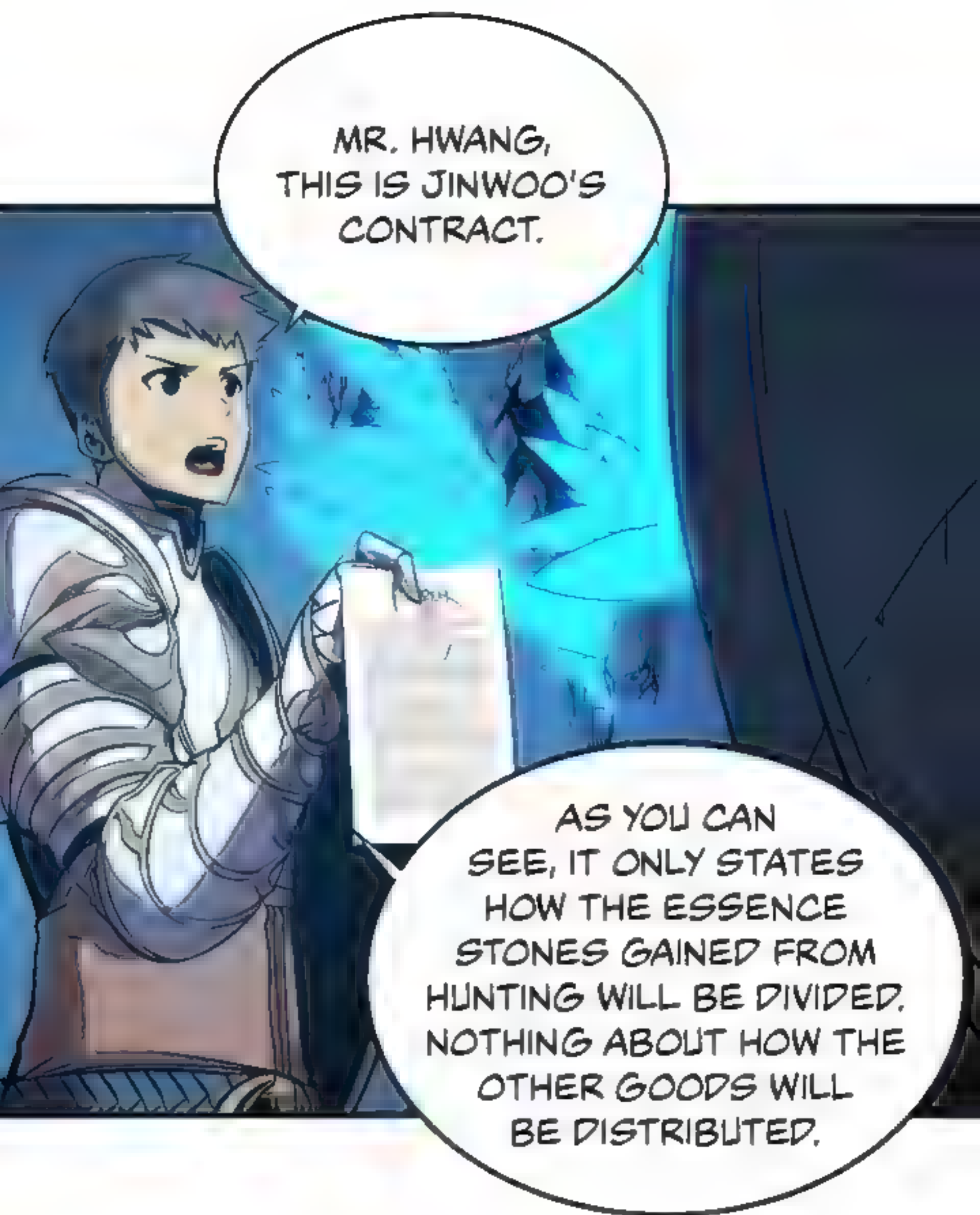
WE HIT THE  
JACKPOT, GUYS.  
A BILLION DIVIDED  
BY NINE IS STILL  
100 MILLION.

JINWOO,  
GIVE ME THE  
CONTRACT YOU  
SIGNED.

I'M AN EXPERT  
WHEN IT COMES  
TO THIS KIND  
OF STUFF.

EXCUSE ME,  
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU  
ALL SOMETHING.





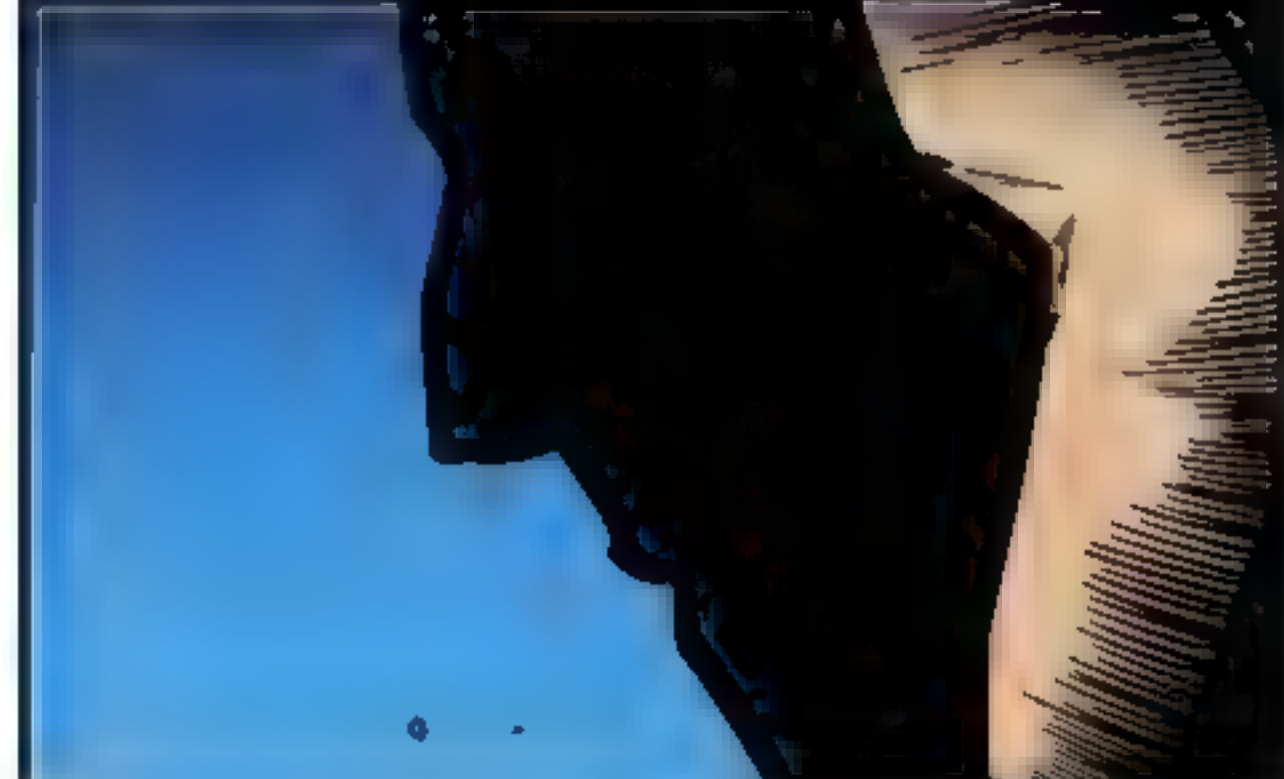
MR. HWANG,  
THIS IS JINWOO'S  
CONTRACT.

AS YOU CAN  
SEE, IT ONLY STATES  
HOW THE ESSENCE  
STONES GAINED FROM  
HUNTING WILL BE DIVIDED.  
NOTHING ABOUT HOW THE  
OTHER GOODS WILL  
BE DISTRIBUTED.

CAN YOU  
EXPLAIN WHY  
THAT PART WAS  
LEFT OUT?



SHOULDN'T THE  
MANA CRYSTALS BE  
SPLIT AMONG THE  
10 OF US, NOT  
NINE?



OF COURSE  
WE SHOULD SPLIT  
THE CRYSTALS  
EQUALLY.

I'M  
ALREADY  
AWARE.

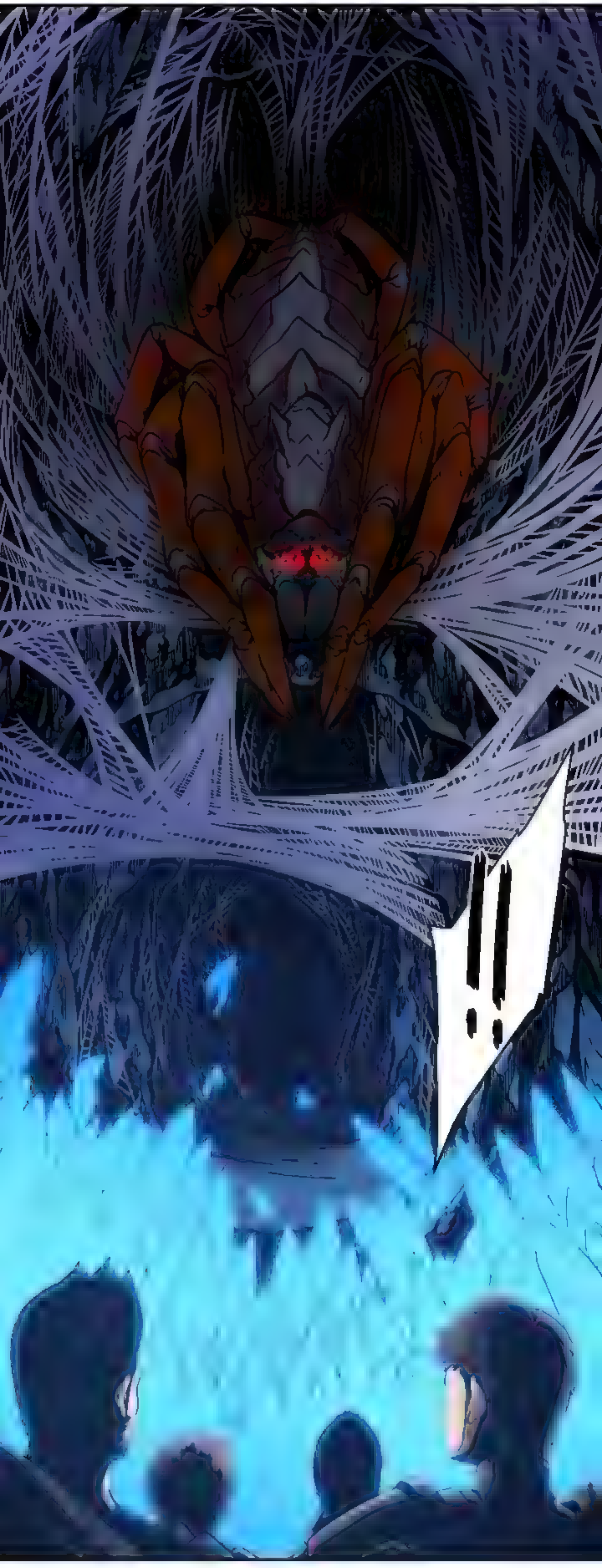


BUT BEFORE  
THAT, THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
WE NEED TO  
CARE OF.

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THE  
DUNGEON  
BOSS...

AS YOU GUYS MAY  
KNOW ALREADY, THE  
GATE WILL CLOSE  
ONCE WE DEFEAT  
THE BOSS.

SO BEFORE WE  
DEFEAT THAT SPIDER,  
WE NEED TO FIRST MINE  
THE MANA CRYSTALS AND  
TRANSPORT THEM.

THANKFULLY,  
IT LOOKS LIKE THE  
SPIDER'S ASLEEP  
'CAUSE HE'S  
FULL...






THIS COULD BE  
OUR CHANCE TO  
COLLECT THE  
CRYSTALS.



CHULJIN, DID  
YOU BRING THE  
EQUIPMENT?

NOPE,  
WHO WOULD'VE  
KNOWN THERE'D BE  
MANA CRYSTALS  
IN A C-RANK  
DUNGEON?

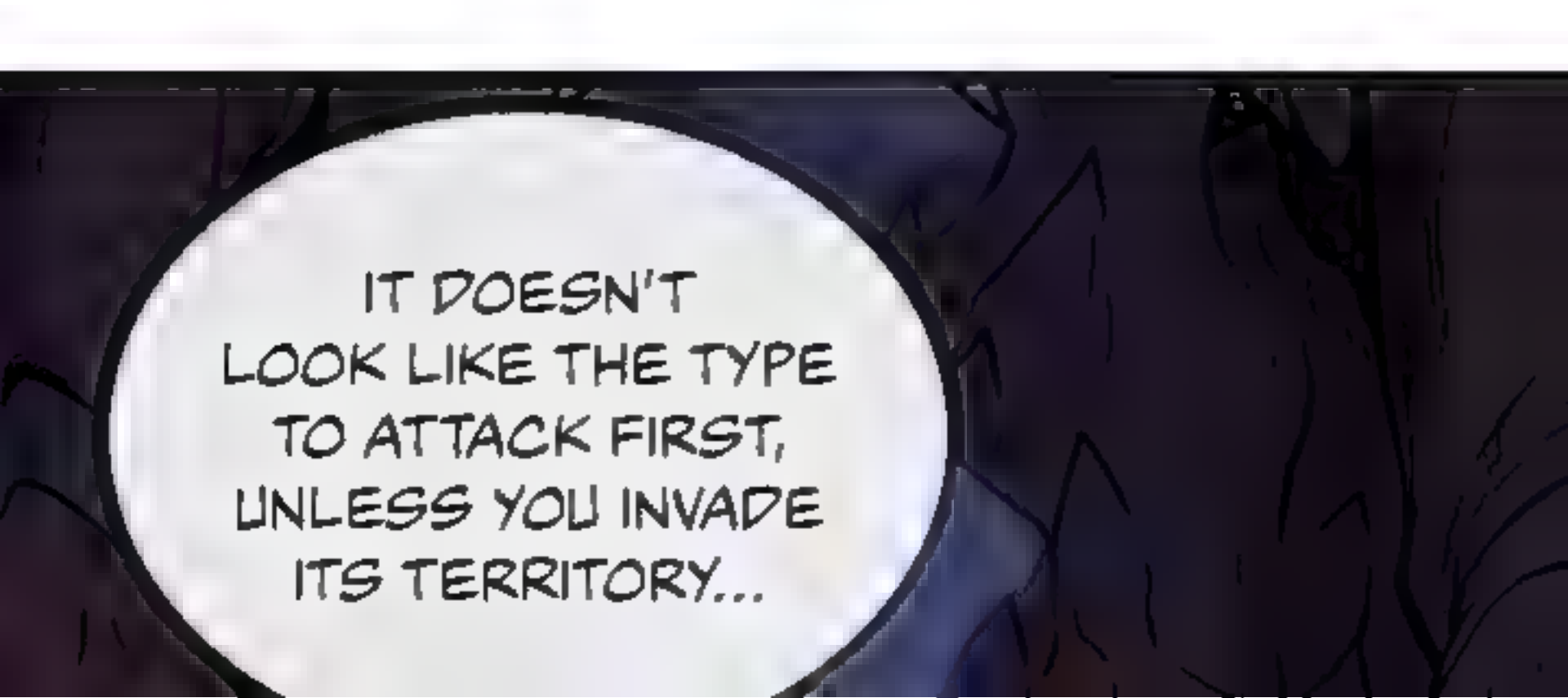


I LEFT  
ALL THE MINING  
EQUIPMENT BACK  
IN THE CAR.


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COME ON, MAN...  
I ALWAYS TELL YOU  
TO DO A THOROUGH  
PREPARATION.










...AND IT  
SEEMS LIKE  
IT'S FAST ASLEEP  
AFTER EATING A  
LOT OF FOOD.


YOU'LL BE  
OKAY, AS LONG AS  
YOU DON'T GO OUT  
OF YOUR WAY TO  
PROVOKE IT.



BUT...

YOO JINHO,  
YOU SAID THIS IS  
YOUR FIRST RAID,  
RIGHT?

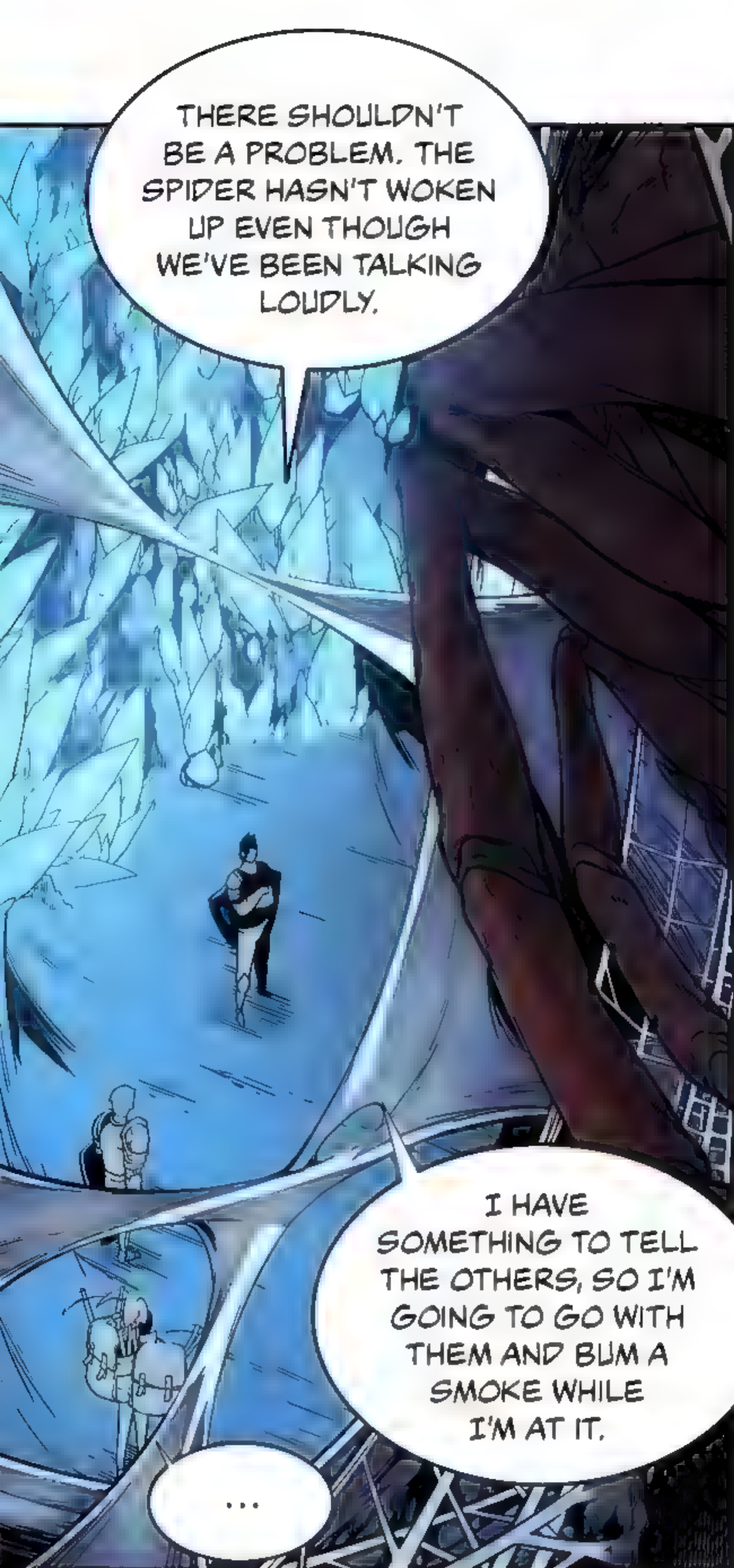
AND SUNG JINWOO,  
THIS IS YOUR FIRST  
TIME IN A C-RANK  
DUNGEON.



YOU CAN  
TRUST ME.

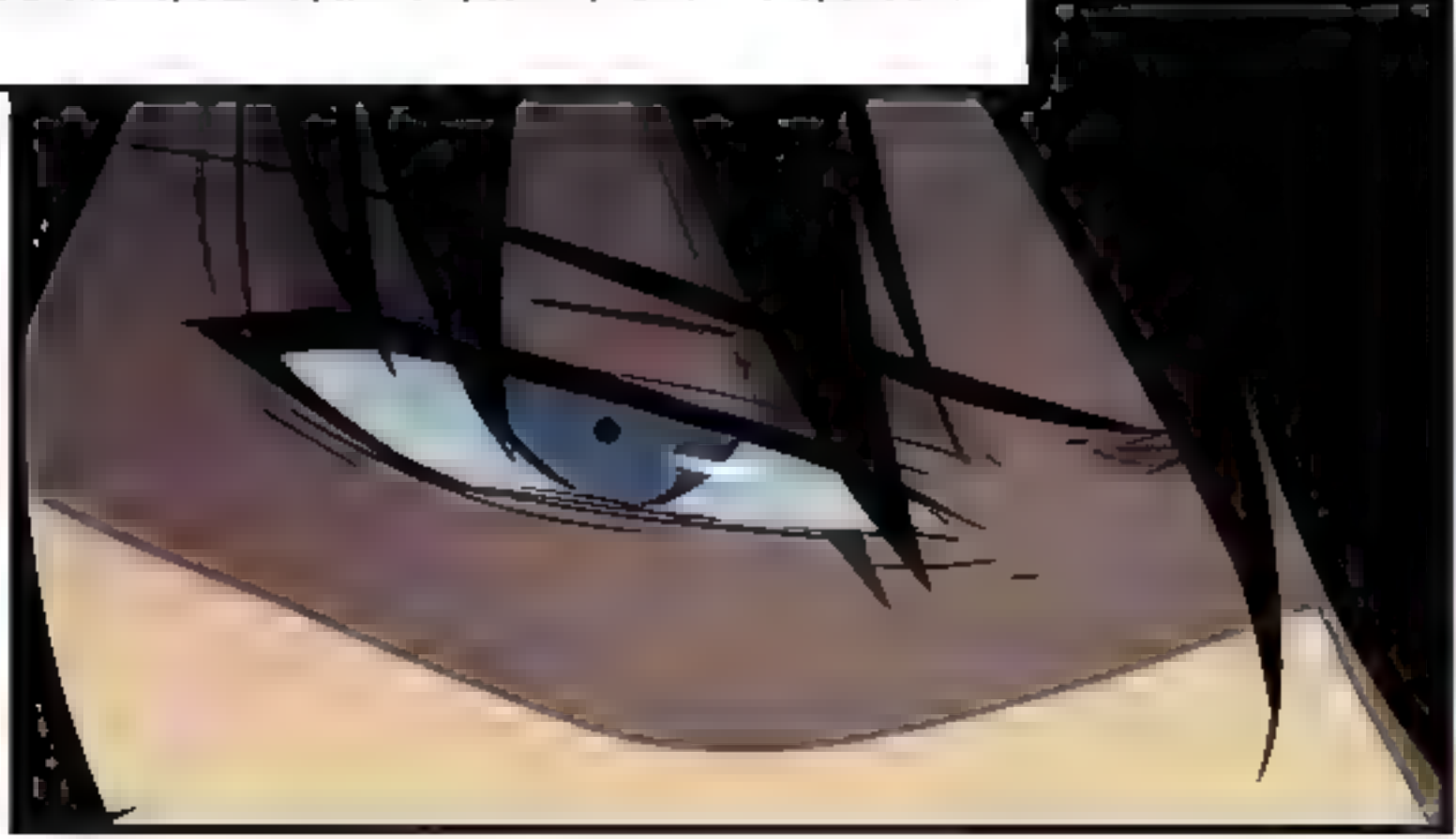
OKAY?







MEMBERS IN THE STRIKE SQUAD,  
EXCLUDING ME AND YOO JINHO.



BUT IT'S HARD TO  
RECRUIT A HEALER  
FOR AN INDIVIDUAL  
STRIKE SQUAD.

THIS IS HOW  
WE'VE ALWAYS  
GONE ABOUT  
BUSINESS.

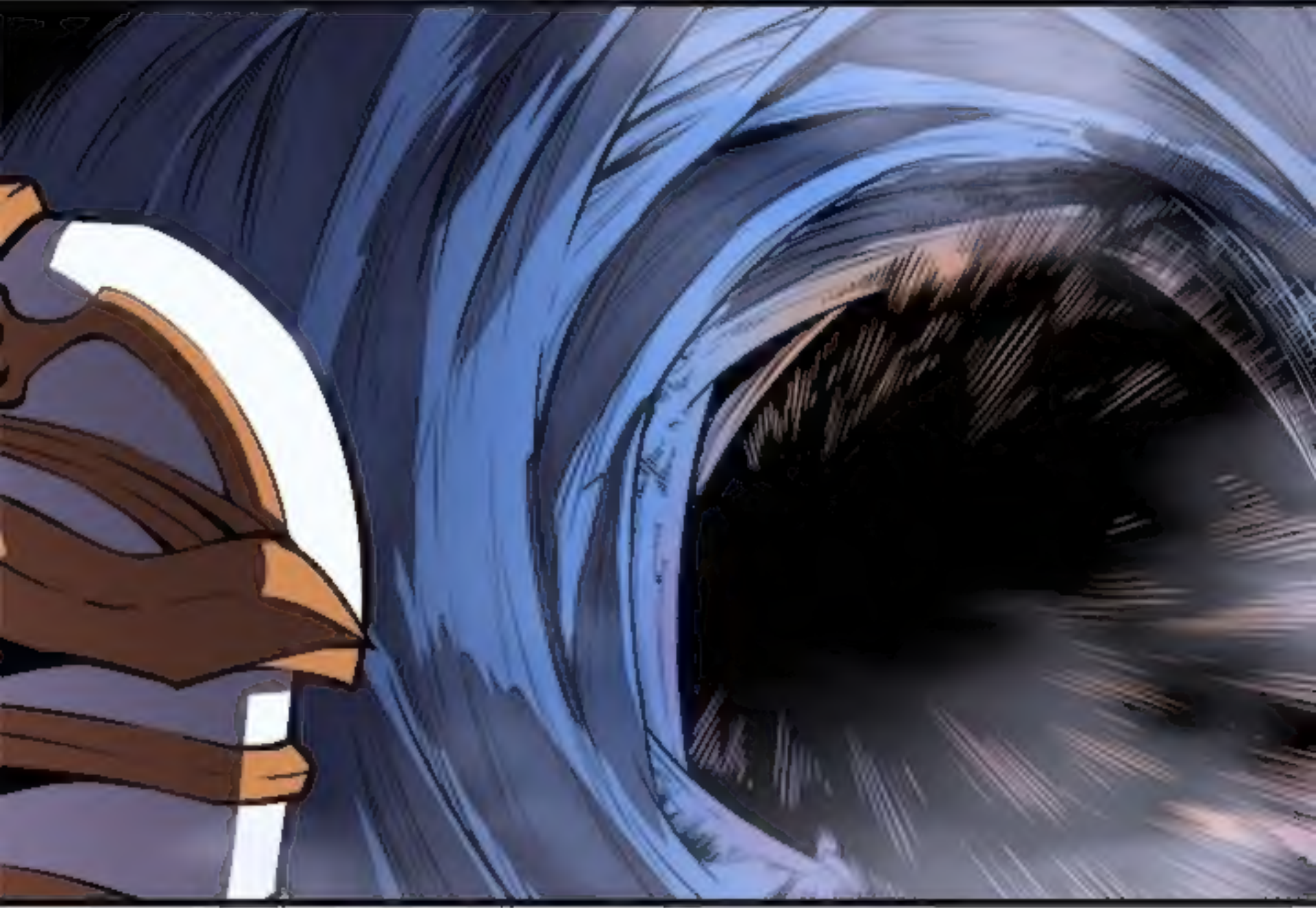
HWANG DONGSUK SAID THEY'VE BEEN  
WORKING LIKE THIS FOR A LONG TIME.  
THAT MEANS THEY'VE BEEN IN AND  
OUT OF A LOT OF C-RANK GATES.

KYUHWAN.

SO OF COURSE THEY DON'T  
NEED TO FILL IN THE TWO EMPTY  
SPOTS IN THEIR SQUAD.

**BLOCK THE  
ENTRANCE TO THE  
BOSS'S LAIR.**

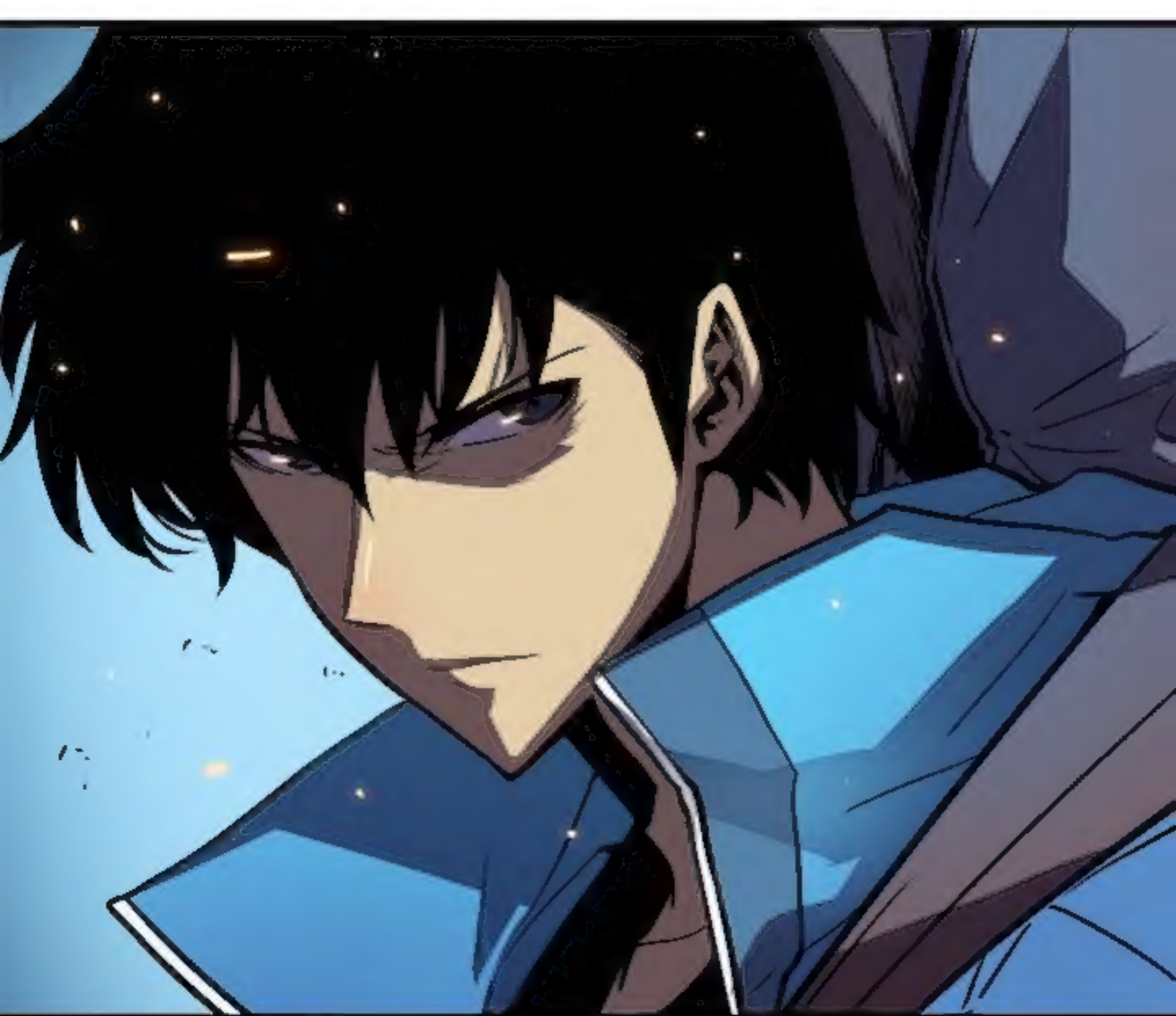






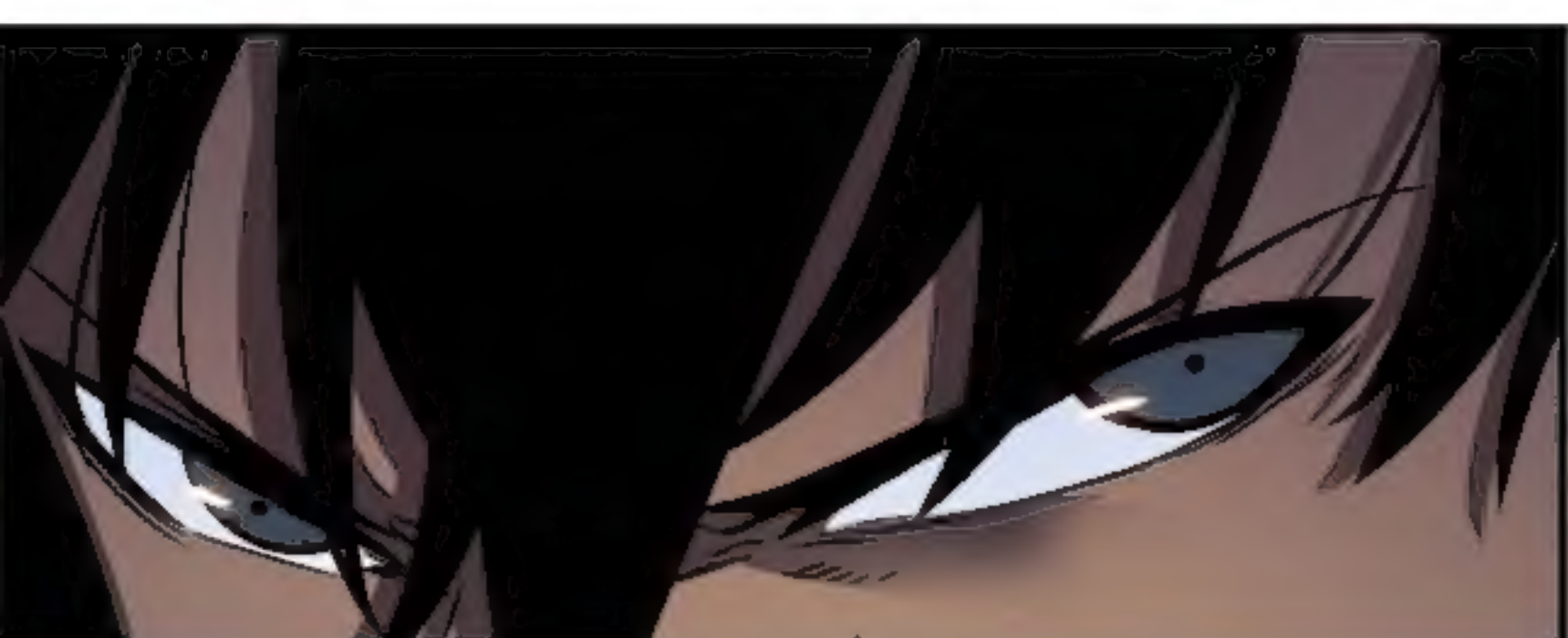


**RUMBLE**



JUST AS I THOUGHT...





THEY'RE  
THE "LIZARDS"!





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